

Chief, London Bureau

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western Union Hessages re Tugoslav Coverage

- 1. Attached are copies of Western Union messages from this office to Mediterranean Bureau and to London Bureau and of a Signals message from London Bureau which indicates serious mishandling of the Western Union messages either by Western Union or by London Bureau.
- 2. The Western Union messages were dispatched in an attempt to obtain immediate supporting evidence for the classified report of a possible Yugoslav coup which might have resulted in severance of communications. As a result of the mishandling of the message to London Bureau, FBIB was unfortunately unable to confirm or deny the report for a period of 24 hours.
- 3. It is desired that a complete explanation of this incident be expedited.

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